

[Mr. Muhammad Usman Sahib]

[25th August 1925]

"My Friend, Mr. C. R. Reddi, said that I have an opportunity now to serve Islam. I know that I would be serving the best interests of Islam by supporting this scheme. I would ask the hon. House to take a reasonable and logical view of the whole question. We have started this experiment and we are now going on with it. Let us wait for some time. Let us wait for a year and then consider the question of abandoning the scheme."

* Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB :—"Why do the Government want to make an experiment with human lives?"

The amended motion was then put to the House and carried.

PUBLIC EXAMINATION FOR PUPILS WHO HAVE FINISHED
THE THIRD FORM COURSE.

* Mr. L. C. GURUSWAMI :—"As the hon. the Minister for Education told me that a committee would sit to investigate all the matters referred to in my resolution, I do not move my resolution which reads as follows :—

'That this Council recommends to the Government that a public examination be instituted for pupils who have completed at least the third form course in a recognized school.'

ELLORE AS HEADQUARTERS OF WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT

3 p.m. Mr. M. Gangaraju then moved the following resolution in a Telugu speech :—

'That this Council recommends to the Government that Ellore be made the district headquarters of the West Godavari district.'

3-15 p.m. Mr. N. Devendrudu seconded the resolution in a Telugu speech.

Mr. P. SAGARAM :—"Mr. President, Sir, I have to oppose the resolution moved by my hon. Friend Mr. Gangaraju. In doing so, I submit, Sir, that the desire for Ellore to be made the headquarters seems to be expressed by a few people of that locality. There are nearly five taluks in the district—Bhimavaram, Tanuku, Narasapur, Ellore and Kovvur. These are the taluks of the new district. Nidadavole is just in the centre of the district, and the convenience of the people will be better served by making Nidadavole as headquarters than Ellore. Ellore is connected with Nidadavole both by train and by canal; so also Narasapur. And Tanuku is also connected with Nidadavole by a broad canal. Kovvur is just near Nidadavole. Moreover, I think the Government are awaiting the report of the District Collector. Until it is received I think it is not desirable to fix the headquarters of the district. It is not a light thing to settle the headquarters of the district. It requires deep consideration and so I beg to submit that proper consideration may be given to the matter and that a decision on the question may be postponed to some other date."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"I second the motion of Mr. Sagaram, Sir, that this resolution may be postponed to a future date."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"He did not formally make any motion to that effect. Does he wish to make a motion that this resolution be postponed to some other date or *sine die*?"

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Mr. P. SAGARAM :—" I only oppose the resolution, Sir."

Mr. B. Venkataratnam in a short Telugu speech moved that the resolution might be postponed till the October sitting of the Council, as all the Kistna representatives were not present.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I second the motion for postponement of the resolution till the October sitting."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Sir, before the motion is put, may we have an idea as to what the Government would say on this matter? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" Sir, it is not for me to oppose the motion or to say that the hon. Members should not make any recommendation they please. I only wish to say that in this matter the Government have so far a perfectly open mind, and they have asked the Collector to consider the relative advantages and disadvantages of all places and to make his recommendations. They would be very glad to hear the views of those hon. Members of this Council who come from the districts in question. The Government would be glad to hear what they have got to say before coming to a conclusion on the question. If the Council postpones the discussion till October, it is quite possible that we may receive the report in the interval and have to come to a decision. It would be better if Government had the benefit of hearing the views of the Members of this Council before they had to decide the question."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" Sir, may I request the hon. Member to let us know whether the Government can conveniently postpone their decision till the October sitting, if it will not interfere with administrative affairs, so that there may be full opportunity for other hon. Members to speak and also for us to know what the Collector's report will be? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I can give no undertaking, Sir."

The motion that the resolution be postponed till the October sitting of the Council was put and carried, and it was decided to put the resolution first among the non-official motions at that meeting.

DECLARATION OF MAUNDY THURSDAY AS HOLIDAY.

Rao Bahadur CRUZ FERNANDEZ :—" Sir, I move

'That this Council recommends to the Government that " Maundy Thursday," being an important day for the Roman Catholics, be recognized as a public holiday for the Judicial Department as in other departments of Government and be declared as such under the Negotiable Instruments Act XXVI of 1881.'

" I have nothing more to add, Sir, than what is stated in this resolution. As you all know, Maundy Thursday is an important day. It is a holiday for every department, and I do not understand why the Judicial Department alone should be deprived of this holiday. As regards the declaration under the Negotiable Instruments Act, there seems to be some difficulty for declaring a holiday under that Act, and so I am perfectly willing to withdraw that portion of my resolution. It may be made a sectional holiday."

Mr. CHAVADI K. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI :—" I second the resolution."